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### By René Rovtar Long Hill Township School District has

This year the Long Hill Township School District has launched a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Program in grades 3 through 5 at Millington School. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that about one million jobs will be created in these disciplines by 2022. Preparing students to be "college and career ready" is an expectation that all public schools have. In introducing a STEM curriculum, we are providing students with hands on learning experiences to address this need. The STEM program focuses on fields which are closely related. Providing instruction that integrates the subjects allows for cross curricular experiences and learning that are at the heart of the Common Core State Standards.

The range of occupations that demand high skill levels in STEM is quite broad. The expansion of our knowledge base and the widespread use of technology require many positions to have more than just passing familiarity with these concepts. Even some of the more traditional "handson" occupations, such as farmers and auto mechanics, are finding that STEM skills have become critical in their fields. One of the other essential skills in the STEM professions is a need to develop abilities in critical thinking and collaboration.

The STEM curriculum that is being introduced as a specials class this year at Millington School will provide students with a wide range of project based activities that will touch on all four aspects of STEM. Patrick Golub, who previously served as the fifth grade social studies teacher, has been tapped as the new STEM teacher.

Since his appointment last spring, Golub has spent an extensive amount of time acquiring the necessary materials for the STEM units of study and preparing his lessons. Care is taken to develop a precise set of directions for each project-based lesson. Students quickly learn the importance of attentive reading and following step by step instructions. At the conclusion of each project, students create a short video presentation which is shared with their classmates to support their explanation of the STEM concepts involved in the project. As one might imagine in a class that involves building various projects, there are numerous parts and components that need to be sorted and prepared to enable the student groups to have all of the necessary materials.

A sampling of the classroom activities in STEM includes



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a math activity which involves the construction of prisms and measuring volume. A study of the balance of forces, friction and gravity has students using Lego racers with straws that descend down a string. Students build the racers and then experiment with modifications to them, noting the changes in speed. As engineers, students build hill climbing buggies and learn the concept of torque as well as the impact of the size of gears on movement of machines. In learning how to use technology, students will create a video production focused on a single object, such as a pencil or an ice cube. They will create story boards, write a script, rehearse and create a video detailing the structure, composition and or uses of the object.

Many of the lessons provide students with an opportunity to explore the STEM subjects and to engage in trial and error changes that allow them to make logical deductions about cause and effect. The team approach to learning also helps support the development of strong communication and collaboration skills among the students.

In order to provide a focused learning experience for the students, the STEM program is offered as a cycle class with the students in grades 3, 4 and 5 rotating through the program for periods that range from 4 to 11 weeks. Scheduling of the program has also been designed around the two PARCC testing periods in March and May.

Golub's enthusiasm for the program is substantial and infectious. He is already pondering the potential expansion down the road of the STEM program to a STEAM program (incorporating the arts) which would give students experiences in graphic arts and music production.



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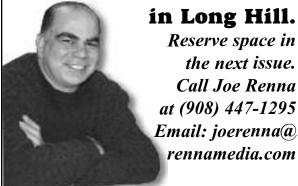
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For the first time in its history, Girl Scouts from local troops will be able to sell Girl Scout Cookies to customers through a brand new national Digital Cookie platform. This addition to the Girl Scout Cookie Program will enhance and expand the program's ability to teach girls new skills for business and life. The platform will expand the iconic cookie program by adding a digital layer that broadens and strengthens the essential five skills girls learn in the traditional cookie program, including goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey started initial order taking on Jan. 10 for the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program and will continue through Feb. 7. Seven varieties of cookies will be sold at \$4 a box, including a new variety of oatmeal raisin cookies, called "Rah Rah Raisin." After Feb. 7, girls will continue selling and holding booth sales at area businesses. At booth sales, a variety of gluten-free cookies, "Toffeetastic", will also join the lineup.

Digital Cookie follows Girl Scouts' classic "hands-on" approach to teaching girls new skills. Through the platform, local Girl Scouts will maintain their own protected, personalized websites to market their cookie business to local consumers, accept orders via credit card, and activate cookie shipments directly to customers. This means consumers who know Girl Scouts participating in Digital Cookie will receive emarketing materials from them this season with invitations to visit their cookie websites and make purchases. The platform places an emphasis on the safety of girls and customers alike and offers an online experience that allows girls to learn about digital money management using dashboards to track their sales and goals.

"Girls learn so much from the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and this new digital aspect of the program will give girls a chance to learn even more skills that will help them going forward," said Betty A. Garger, president and CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey.

"Girls also love running their own cookie businesses and are excited about the new digital way of participating in this Girl Scout tradition."

Over two-thirds of the female CEOs on the Fortune 500 list were Girl Scouts and many say they learned basic business acumen by selling Girl Scout Cookies. The Girl Scout Cookie program teaches five financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. The activity also generates funds for Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey and helps pay for volunteer training, program activities for girls and the maintenance of camp properties and service centers. All cookie proceeds stay in the local community. Troop proceeds from the cookie program are often used to pay for community service projects like beautification plans or collection drives, in addition to girl program activities and trips.

The cookie program also benefits local food banks and pantries through the Gift of Caring program. When girls take initial orders for cookies, customers can also purchase cookies that will be donated to food pantries and food banks in northern New Jersey.

Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey will also be running the "Cookies from Home" program, which allows customers to donate cookies which will be shipped to servicemen and women.

The traditional favorites of Thin Mints, DoSiDos, Tagalongs, Trefoils and Samoas will be offered along with Savannah Smiles, and Rah Rah Raisins, a new variety of hearty oatmeal cookies, containing plump raisins and Greek yogurt chips. Toffee-tastic, which are gluten free, are rich buttery cookies, containing bits of toffee. Because Toffee-tastic is gluten free, the variety will sell for \$5 per box.

For more information about the cookie sale or to find a troop selling cookies, visit www.gsnnj.org, or call the nearest service center: Paterson (973) 881-9400; Paramus (201) 967-8100; Randolph (973) 927-7722, or Riverdale (973) 248-8200.





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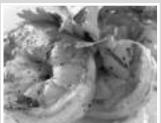
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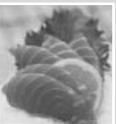
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### **CANDLELIGHT VIGIL RAISES AWARENESS OF DAVID BIRD**

A Candlelight Vigil was held on Sunday, January 11, 2015, to commemorate David Bird's disappearance. The event was one of several held to keep the 55-year-old Millington resident in people's minds and raise funds for the family. The Long Hill Township P.B.A. Local 322 held a pancake breakfast earlier in the day at The Long Hill Community Center in Stirling with all proceeds benefiting the Bird family. Later, people gathered at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Millington for the event that included members of his Boy Scout troop. After an invocation, attendees were led by Troop 56 to nearby Hicks Tract for a bonfire.

When David Bird disappeared he was wearing a red jacket, blue jeans, sneakers, a hat with a flashlight attached and glasses. He has partially balding gray hair and a goatee. He is about 6'1" and weighs 200 pounds. He has blue eyes and a scar on his abdomen.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of David Bird should contact the Long Hill Township Police Department at 908-647-1800.

Donations to help support the Bird family can be sent to "The Bird Family Trust" at PO Box 234, Millington, NJ 07946.









Photos of this and other events can be found at www.rennamedia.com and on the Renna Media Facebook page. Feel free to "Like", "Tag", and "Share".

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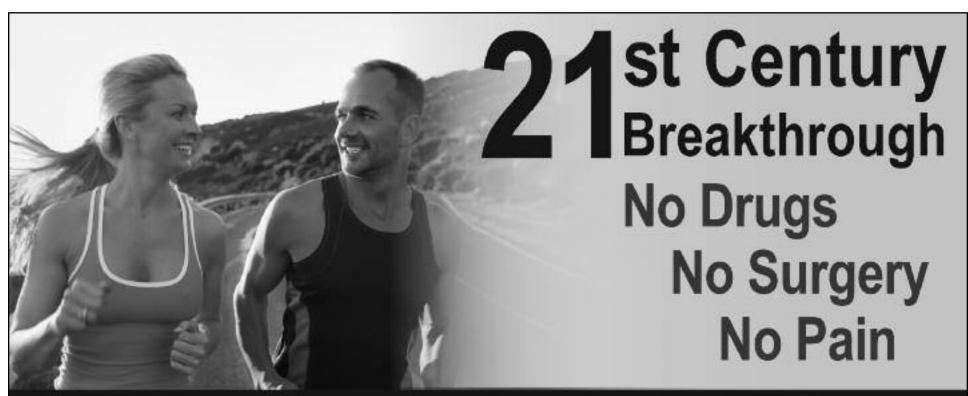
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Entries will be judged by the Parks and Recreation Dept., and awards will be given for the most creative sculptures. Entries can be by an individual, a group, or family. Winners will be announced at a Township Committee Meeting following the conclusion of the contest. To enter after you have built your masterpiece, register your creation for judging on Community Pass register.communitypass.net/longhill. If you take a photo of your sculpture, please share it with us by sending an email to the Recreation Director at recreation@longhillnj.us. You can also visit our website at www.longhillnj.gov under Parks and Recreation, Winter Fun Contest for additional information. There is no charge to enter, and artists can enter as many creations during the contest period as they like. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. at 908.647.8000 x219 if you have any other questions.

### **LILY YIP TABLE TENNIS CENTER'S TOURNAMENT**

Lily Yip Table Tennis Center in Dunellen recently held their January 2015 School Championships. This tournament had two major categories. The first was the school division which was split into school teams and individuals. The top High School was West Windsor and the winner of the individuals was Adar Alguetti from Tenafly. LYTTC members Sean Gao and Joseph Baptista finished second and third respectively. The school tournament was sponsored by Savona Tile of Green Brook. The singles finals was an intense match between Sean Gao, who was coached by New Zealand's World Hopes Team Coach, Matt Hetherington and Adar Alguetti coached by his



(above) Group photo with US Open Under 10 Champion and LYTTC Junior Star, Jayden Zhou (center) with his coach Matt Hetherington (standing behind Jayden).

father Eyal. The winner of the Open Event was Ruichao Chen from China. Ruichao Chen is a young upcoming superstar and will be coming to train at the LYTTC this April 2015 and hopefully represent the US in the future.

On February 18 at 7:00PM there will be a Chinese New Year Pot Luck Party and free training for our members at 8:00PM. This will also be an Open House for anyone and guests can play all night for only \$5.

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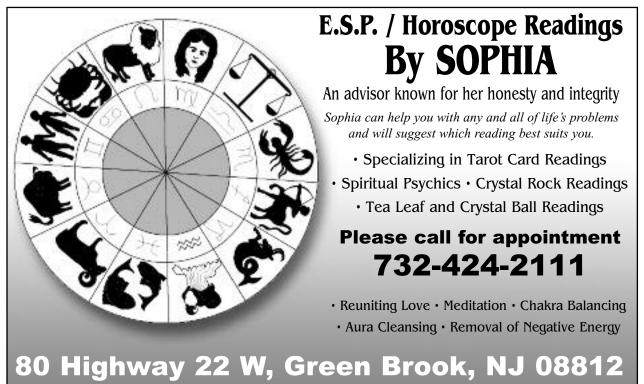


(above, l-r) High School Open Champions with our officials and sponsor. Coach Chen, Former Chinese National Team Coach; Sponsor Mr. Luke Liang, President of Savona Tile, the tournament sponsor; Adar Alguetti (Champion); Sean Gao (2nd); Joseph Baptista (3rd) and Coach Lily Yip.











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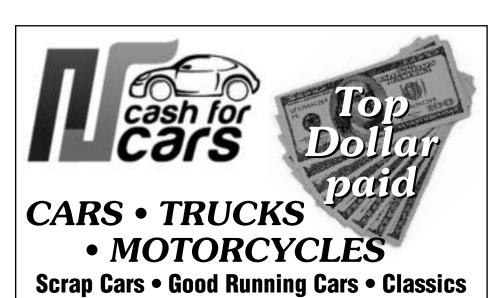
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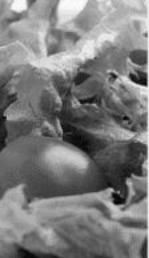
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